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lished in *Scribner's Magazine* in September; 1919. The Mikado's reply was as follows:

(Translation)

*Mr. President:*

I received some time ago your kind letter dated September 6th last, which you delivered to Baron Komura on the eve of his departure from your country. The warmest and sincerest sympathy which you expressed in that letter regarding the conclusion of peace touched me deeply. I feel extremely gratified to find that you have fully appreciated the course of action which I have taken with the view to promoting the cause of humanity and civilization as well as the true interests of Japan.

From the moment when you suggested to Japan and Eussia to open negotiations for peace until the time when the Plenipotentiaries of the two Powers concluded their labors in your country, you have constantly exercised your noble efforts for the cause of peace and have greatly contributed to the speedy termination of the painful war. The two belligerents and the world at large owe deep and lasting gratitude to you.

In again tendering to you my heartfelt thanks I wish happiness of yourself and prosperity of your country.

"With profound respect,  
Believe me,  
Yours always sincerely,  
(Signed)

MUTSTJHITO.

Tokio, November 11, 1905.

At the same time the President sent a present to the Mikado, which is described in the following

correspondence:

*(Original in the President's  
handwriting)*

September 6,

1905.

*Your Majesty:*

Through Baron Kaneko I venture to send  
you the skin of